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“Bitterroot Forest Brown Bag June 19th - Fighting Fire or Managing Fire – what’s the difference?”

Hamilton, Montana, June 14, 2007 — The Bitterroot National Forest invites people to attend a lunch time session on Tuesday, Jun 19 to hear about different strategies for managing fires this coming season. Forest officials will share recent research in fire and fuels management and share decision making tools people to help them better understand where fires will be aggressively suppressed and where lightning fires may be allowed to burn as part of the natural system. In addition to the research findings, Forest Service decision makers will explain the different factors they use to choose a fire management strategy including where on the forest different strategies will be used and under what conditions different strategies might be considered. The “brown bag session” will be held at the Forest Supervisor’s office, 1801 N/ 1st Street Hamilton, MT.

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